

***Isaiah 55:1-8***

*"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you." Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.*

Looking for Full Life

The pursuit of happiness is the favourite pastime of most North Americans. There is no limit to the expenses some go in order to find that all-illusiv e “full life.” Vacation resorts promote it, retirement properties promise it. To many, the pursuit of a few weeks of “full life” is only a quick fix for an altogether intolerable existence where the human race is reduced to the rat race! The end result is emptiness and nothing to show for a life of effort; nothing to pass on but headaches and heartache.

In stark contrast to the norm, Patrich Henry said, “My most cherished possession I wish I could leave you is my faith in Jesus Christ, for with him and nothing else you can be happy, but without him and with all else you’ll never be happy.”

This truth was discovered by Charlie “Tremendous” Jones, a very successful business man and motivational speaker. He describes coming to faith in Christ in his book “Life is Tremendous”: “I knew I didn’t need God to be successful. I didn’t need God to be an American. I didn’t need God to get a wife. I didn’t need God to have children. Bit I did need something.”

“As I look back now, I realize I never knew what it was to be loved in the true sense of the word. I had never felt love penetrate beyond the barriers that we all set up in our hearts. I didn’t know that such love existed.”

“So I drove the streets that day in Lancaster and pondered. I remember another startling thing my friend had said: “Charlie, there is nothing you can do for God; God wants to do it all for you.”

“That was a new approach. People used to come to me and say, “God could use a guy like you.” My answer was: “If God needs me to help him out, he’s in too much trouble already.”

After much thinking, I stopped my car and bowed my head and said, “Now, God, I don’t understand all this, but somehow for the first time I believe the Bible is true and I’m a sinner. I want you to forgive me and come into my heart and make me whatever a Christian is, in Christ’s name, Amen.”

“... I quit being proud of being against God and made a decision to ask him into my life. God said he would come in, I believe it, and that settled it.”

Too many believe that the blessings of faith in Christ are only for the next life; for the soul and heaven. Jesus said: “I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.” He was not promising riches or fame, but he was promising a rich, full, meaningful life here and now!

Where do you look for “full life”? Is it in a quick fix to an intolerable life or can you say “In Christ I have found life tremendous!”

***What is my response:***

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